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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to an Office Action dated April 11, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.